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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Interested Parties

FROM:

Susan W. Shaffer

DATE:

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RE:

Juvenile Drug Testing Statistics for September 2004

Drug testing of juvenile arrestees for September 2004 revealed a significant increase in the level of substance abuse detected for marijuana, which was up 8% from August, to 57%. The levels of substance abuse detected for cocaine and PCP increased 2% and 1% from the previous month, to 7% and 1%, respectively.

The Juvenile Drug Testing Unit tested 162 respondents prior to their initial hearing in September. Fifty-nine percent (59%) of the 158 Lockup cases tested positive. Fifty percent (50%) of the 4 Community cases tested positive. The combined positive rate was 59%, up 9% from August.

	COMMUNITY	LOCKUP	COMBINED
ALL NEGATIVE	2 (50%)	65 (41%)	67 (41%)
ANY POSITIVE	_2 (50%)	93 (59%)	<u>95</u> (59%)
TOTAL	4	158	162

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Of the 4	Of the 158	Of the 162	Of the 95
	Community	Lockup	Combined	Positive
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Multi Positive	0	9 (6%)	9 (6%)	9 (9%)
Cocaine Positive	0	11 (7%)	11 (7%)	11 (12%)
Marijuana Positive	2 (50%)	90 (57%)	92 (57%)	92 (97%)
PCP Positive	0	1 (.63%)	1 (.61%)	1 (1%)

The following breakdown of age groups for both Community and Lockup cases was obtained through the Superior Court's records system and correlated with the respondent's test result information.

Age	No. Arrested	No. Positive for Any Drug	% Positive for Any Drug
Unknown	2	0	-
11	1	1	100%
12	4	2	50%
13	12	3	25%
14	23	11	48%
15	30	18	60%
16	36	25	69%
17	38	22	58%
18-19	15	13	87%
Over 19	1	1	100%

Drug Testing of Juvenile Respondents

October 2003 - September 2004

